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Mr. Ilesley on Admission of New Members: Following is text of statement delivered by Mr. Ilesley on Friday, November 7, 1947, in the first Committee of the United Nations on the admission of new members:-

"The attitude of the Canadian Delegation towards admission of new members to the United Nations is based on Article 4 of the Charter. Applicants should be considered on their merits. Their qualifications should be judged on the principles defined in the Charter. The applicant must be a peace-loving state. It must accept the obligations of the Charter and it must be able and willing to carry out these obligations. This basis of judgment was approved by the General Assembly itself in a resolution of November 19, 1946, which states that each application must be examined on its merits 'as measured by the yardstick of the Charter in accordance with Article 4'. We therefore reject any considerations extraneous to the Charter, such as whether or not the applicant state is in diplomatic relations with certain members of the United Nations.

"This Delegation also recognizes that a decision of the General Assembly with regard to the admission of any state membership requires under Article 4 a recommendation of the Security Council; I say that after listening carefully to the argument of the representative of Argentina, who contends that the General Assembly can admit new members without a recommendation of the Security Council. We do not think that that is correct. We think that the recommendation of the Security Council required by Article 4 involves a decision to make such a recommendation, and that such decision is governed by the provisions of Article 27 of the Charter and requires the concurrent vote of the permanent members. Whether that legal contention is correct or not, if a state of cooperation is to exist between the General Assembly and the Security Council, the General Assembly should certainly secure the recommendation of the Security Council before attempting to admit new members itself."

"The question arises: What is the Assembly to do about applications for admission of states which fail to secure the necessary approval in the Security Council? Confronted by this situation, we could take up each rejected application and consider its qualifications in the light of the criteria established in Article 4 and come to a decision in the Assembly recommending that the Security Council re-examine the applications of those states which have been favourably considered by the General Assembly.

"We feel, however, that there is no use in adopting this procedure if the conclusions which we reach here in the Assembly are to be judged in the Security Council and altered on the basis of an entirely different set of considerations. I think that we might very well reach agreement by an overwhelming majority that the Security Council was not justified in rejecting the application of certain states which have applied for membership. Indeed, this Delegation would favour the admission of a number of new states, and I think that the Assembly might well find itself in agreement

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